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NSC FOR SENIOR AFRICA DIRECTOR GAYLE SMITH

LONDON FOR PFLAUMER

PARIS FOR BISA WILLIAMS

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SUBJECT: EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AJELLO HAS POSITIVE
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MUGABE

REF: HARARE 4064 (NOTAL)

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1.5 B/D.

[11.](#) (C) BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER IAN HAY-
CAMPBELL SHARED HIS REPORT ON EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
ALDO AJELLO'S VISIT TO HARARE ON JULY 25-26, WHICH WE
REPRODUCE HERE IN FULL.

[12.](#) (C) BEGIN TEXT.

THE EU PRESIDENCY (FRANCE) ARRANGED A BRIEFING FOR EU
MISSIONS BY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AJELLO ON JULY 26.

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AJELLO HAD BEEN IN HARARE FROM JULY 25-26 DURING WHICH
TIME HE HAD MET PRESIDENT MUGABE, FOREIGN MINISTER
MUDENGE AND MONUC OFFICIALS. AJELLO SAID MUGABE LARGELY
SHARED HIS ANALYSIS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. THE
MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE IN A GOOD ATMOSPHERE. KABILA
APPEARED TO BE LOOKING TO A MILITARY SOLUTION IN THE
DRC. MUGABE AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE A "NO WIN"
STRATEGY AND THAT THE LUSAKA AGREEMENT HAD TO BE
RESPECTED. MUGABE WAS INCLINED TO DISCOUNT YERODIA'S
RECENT REMARKS ABOUT LUSAKA.

AJELLO HAD RAISED THE PROBLEMS OF THE MASIRE MISSION AND
THE IDEA OF ATTACHING FRANCOPHONE MEMBERS TO THE TEAM AS
A WAY OF MOVING THE PROCESS FORWARD. MUGABE APPEARED TO
ACCEPT THIS. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSSED THE PLAN FOR THE
NON CONGOLESE BELLIGERENTS TO MEET. AJELLO THOUGHT THE
PROSPECTS FAIR FOR THIS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE
FORTHCOMING SADC SUMMIT IN WINDHOEK. IF AGREEMENT WAS
REACHED, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SET UP SUCH A MEETING
QUITE QUICKLY. MUGABE HAD EXPRESSED THE USUAL
DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE SLOWNESS OF MONUC DEPLOYMENT.

THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVELY BY MUDENGE IN THEIR MEETING, MUDENGE ACCUSING THE UN OF EFFECTIVELY UNDERMINING LUSAKA BY NOT YET DEPLOYING AND THEREBY BEARING THE RESPONSIBILITY. HE WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO AJELLO'S EXPLANATIONS OF THE DIFFICULTIES PUT IN MONUC'S WAY BY THE DRC.

WITH THE MONUC OFFICERS, AJELLO HAD HEARD OF THE SLOWNESS OF UGANDAN DISENGAGEMENT FROM KISANGANI, ATTRIBUTABLE, IN PART, TO A LACK OF LOGISTICS.
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AJELLO WAS ENCOURAGED BY MUGABE'S SIMILAR APPRECIATION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DRC. HE ALSO CONFIRMED WHAT DHC HAD LEARNED EARLIER IN THE DAY FROM DAVID HAMADZIRIPI, MFA UNDER SECRETARY FOR AFRICA, THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MUDENGE WAS HAVING A MEETING AT VICTORIA FALLS WITH HIS CONGOLESE COUNTERPARTS ON JULY 27 BEFORE FLYING ON TO LUSAKA FOR A MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. THE CONGOLESE HAD TOLD MUDENGE THEY WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM TO LUSAKA IN THE SAME AIRCRAFT.

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